REMARKS

Responsive to the October 14, 2003 paper indicating a non-compliant amendment, Applicants are submitting herewith the present amendment which is completely responsive to the office action and has all of the claims in ascending numerical order. Therefore, reconsideration of the application for the reasons set forth in the amendment of September 3, 2003 is requested.

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